

Beach Cities Watershed Management Group Meeting
January 12, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chris Wessel (Geosyntec), Raul Saenz (City of MB), Geraldine Trivedi (City of RB), Kristy Morris (City of Hermosa Beach), John Dettle (City of Torrance), Chien Pei (Mark) Yu (CalTrans), Michelle Reed (LACFCD), Kathleen McGowan (McGowan Consulting), Susan Robinson (McGowan Consulting)

1. Approval of minutes from December meeting
 - a. WMG will email approval after reviewing minutes
2. EWMP Revisions - Geosyntec
 - a. Group has no further written comments to submit on revised EWMP
 - b. Big Question: How is DC EWMP handling sediment targets in DC Estuary?
 - i. Chris Wessel to reach out to Bill Johnson to inquire about this
 - ii. One option is to handle sediment targets the same as PCBs and DDT
 1. Address pollutants through TSS loading reductions
 2. BMPs to target water column pollutants will address sediment toxics by reducing sediment loads
 - a. The group may want to add TSS to CIMP monitoring in the DC watershed to verify the statement that TSS is going down
 3. As we get more info from future data we can update the RAA if needed to address sediment toxics
 - a. BC WMG is not monitoring sediment toxics in the DC watershed so we have to rely on other WMG data
 - iii. Torrance's Del Amo basin drains to Machado Lake and there is no outlet, therefore it should be removed from the EWMP
 1. This basin is able to capture greater than the 85th percentile 24hour storm
 - iv. Machado Lake implementation
 1. Regional Board commented on the Machado Lake IP asking Torrance to upgrade it to an EWMP
 2. Torrance is meeting with the Regional Board on January 21st to discuss this
 3. Torrance will be asking for an extension of time to upgrade the Machado Lake IP into an EWMP
 4. This group will remove reference to the Machado Lake IP from the BC EWMP, however, the portion of RB that drains to Machado Lake will remain part of the EWMP

5. All relevant attachments referencing the Machado Lake IP will be removed from the EWMP
6. Geosyntec will modify EWMP and all figures to remove Machado Lake area/notate that Machado Lake area is not part of EWMP
7. Geosyntec will Include a statement that the ML watershed within the City of Torrance will be handled through a separate EWMP
- v. Proposed implementation schedule – handout with schedule chart provided by Geosyntec
 1. The WMG agreed to move up the start date for MB and HB infiltration trench projects, but still have a completion date of 2021
 - a. The funding phase of these 2 projects will fall over 2 years (2016/2017), design phase of 2 years (2018/2019) and 2 years for construction (2020/2021)
 2. In DC the schedule is staggered based on interim compliance deadlines
 3. The group agreed to combine the construction and completion phases into one (using one color)
 4. Geosyntec will add the word “trash” before “catch basin retrofits” BMP
 5. Geosyntec will add “Redondo beach” in front of “Park #3” project
 6. Geosyntec will add “Manhattan Beach” in front of “GS 5-02” project
 7. Geosyntec will add “All cities” in front of “GS 6-01” project
 8. Geosyntec will remove the land use designations from the Green Streets title under the DC watershed
 9. Geosyntec will add “Redondo Beach” to the “Artesia Blvd./Hawthorne Blvd. filtration” project
 10. Geosyntec will check on the “Powerline Easement Filtration” project jurisdiction and add the city(ies) to that project
 11. Geosyntec will change the 4% land use schedule boxes to align with the other green streets boxes (ie. 1 year per phase with funding in 2023, design in 2024, and construction in 2025-2026)
- vi. Add SW Resource Plan Guidelines as a State agency goal that EWMP will meet/address
 1. As a condition of getting Prop 1 stormwater funding, the group has to have a certified SW Resource Plan, therefore, they have to self certify that the final EWMP has the minimum mandatory elements to meet these requirements so that the group can self certify and apply for Prop 1 grants
 2. Groups are allowed to use combination of plans to get the certification
 3. Geosyntec will look through the guidelines and let the group know if there are elements that the EWMP is missing so that we can add or point to other documents to fulfill requirements
- vii. Grant Applications
 1. Geosyntec will include additional benefits to the infiltration trench projects

- a. Additional benefits/multi-benefits include saltwater intrusion and habitat restoration

viii. Funding

- 1. Geosyntec will include a discussion of joint WMG funding pursuits and a description of individual funding opportunities each agency is pursuing
 - a. Torrance's Green Streets Policy calls for BMPs to be considered in all street CIPs, and they have appropriated funding to complete TMRP implementation for SMB by 2016 – 4 years ahead of schedule
 - b. MB will continue to participate in the Richard Watson study, In MB CIP for streets will incorporate GS,
 - c. HB will continue to participate in the Richard Watson study, In addition, through their sewer fund, they budgeted funds for green alleys to be installed in area along Beach Drive between The Strand and Hermosa Ave.

- c. Geosyntec will submit revised EWMP by January 20, 2016 deadline

3. Upcoming Prop 1 Grant Solicitations

- a. Redondo Beach and Kathleen McGowan had a call with Blaise & Associates regarding the Prop 1 Coastal Conservancy solicitation due Mar 31, 2016
 - i. Geraldine/Redondo Beach agreed to serve as lead on behalf of the WMG for the grant application, unless LACFCD agrees to be the lead
 - 1. LACFCD will see whether they can be the grant manager for the design and planning grant(s) since they are in all areas of the watershed
 - ii. Grant match
 - 1. No required minimum, however, 3pts for 25% match, 8 points for 50% match, additional 5 bonus points for 100% match of grant amount being requested
 - 2. Key decision is whether we want to provide some match funds to make the grant more competitive
 - 3. This grant is for the design phase and CEQA process to get projects shovel ready for implementation
 - 4. The group needs to figure out what the budget for planning and design of the two high priority projects will be
 - a. Geosyntec will dig into costs of these projects further to get a more accurate cost estimate for planning and design for the grant application
 - iii. All cities agreed that the group will have to put the design/planning work out to bid in the event the grant application is successful
 - iv. If El Nino rains trigger beach closures at Herondo and/or Manhattan 28th Street between now and March 25th, the cities will provide illustrative photos to include with the grant application

- v. WMG needs to decide whether to apply for a grant for both projects (design and planning for 4 sites) vs. 1 project only
 - 1. Another option is to apply for one project under Prop 1 Coastal Conservancy grant and one project under the Prop 1 Stormwater grant
- b. Prop 1 Stormwater Round 1 Solicitation
 - i. The State Board adopted the final Prop 1 Stormwater Grant Program Guidelines on December 15, 2015, and this grant does allow for project planning, however, preference is given to development of Storm Water Resource Plans or functionally equivalent plans.
 - ii. This grant requires a 100% match (i.e., 50% of total project cost) vs no minimum match for the Coastal Conservancy grant
 - iii. Solicitation Workshop scheduled for February 3rd at LARWQCB
 - 1. RSVP by Jan 20th (50 seats) or WebEx on Feb 9th
 - iv. Clean Beaches unappropriated funds from Prop 84 may also be available
 - v. WMG needs to self-certify its EWMP as a Storm Water Resource Plan or functionally equivalent plan, and submit to LA IRWMP
 - vi. Solicitation for Planning projects open January 19, 2016 thru March 4, 2016
 - vii. Implementation solicitation open January 19, 2016 thru July 8, 2016
- c. SMBRF Prop 84 – open for implementation projects, only

4. CIMP MOU Update

- a. MOU has been referred to an outside agency since the MB City Attorney's office also acts as special counsel to the City of RB

5. CIMP Implementation

- a. Timeline for Award of Contract, NTP
 - i. MB is aiming for February 16th meeting to take MOU and Geosyntec contract to City Council
 - 1. MB needs to get Geosyntec a contract for signature
 - ii. Torrance will aim to get the MOU on its schedule for Feb 9th Council meeting
 - iii. HB and RB will also aim for early Feb. to take MOU to City Council
- b. Geosyntec—status of remaining funds in EWMP/CIMP contract which can be used to pull permits and begin administrative activities for CIMP Implementation
 - i. Chris Wessel will follow up with the WMG after checking on this

6. LA Permit Group:

- a. No meeting scheduled for January
- b. Planned special topic meeting February 10 at City of LA Media Center, 2714 Media Center Drive, LA 90065, Training Rooms A & B, 2nd Floor with three invited speakers:
 - Constantine Baranoff (attorney) on Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District formation

- Kristen Ruffell/LACSD on new authorization under SB 485 – they can work on stormwater projects now
 - Rich Watson progress update on funding work for City Managers/Mayors group
7. Other Items/new business
- a. Begin talking about joint public outreach programs during upcoming WMG meetings
 - i. WMG wants to develop a Clean Bay Restaurant Program outreach strategy
 - ii. McGowan Consulting will agendize a discussion of larger outreach strategy during the BC WMG March meeting
8. Next meeting February 9, 2016, 10am-noon
- a. Agenda will include SMBRF-Clean Bay update and presentation by Port of LA/Long Beach on PCB and DDT sources in DC watershed

Action Items

1. WMG will add Michelle Reed (LACFCD) to its distribution list
2. Geosyntec will send LACFCD a revised EWMP for review
3. Geosyntec will make edits to EWMP per discussion and send out to group for final review
4. Geosyntec will reach out to Bill Johnson regarding the DC EWMP strategy for addressing sediment toxicity targets in the DC Estuary
5. Geosyntec will review the Prop 1 Stormwater Grant guidelines and recommend how the group can address the requirements to self certify the EWMP as a SW Resource Plan
6. Geosyntec will submit the revised EWMP to the Regional Board by the January 20, 2016 deadline
7. LACFCD will look into whether they can act as grant manager for the Prop 1 planning grants
8. Geosyntec will dig into project costs for the two high priority EWMP projects and provide a more accurate estimate of costs for planning and design of these projects
9. MB will provide Geosyntec a contract for signature
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